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SUBJECT: STOBBE'S REMARKS ON FOUR POWER INVOLVEMENT IN
INNER-GERMAN NEGOTIATIONS

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1. IN REFERRING TO NEED FOR ALLIES TO BE MORE CONCERNED
ABOUT COURSE OF NEGOTIATIONS (REFTEL), STOBBE WAS
REFERRING TO GDR CLAIMS THAT A NEW AGREEMENT AMONG FOUR
POWERS WOULD BE NECESSARY IF NEW CROSSING POINTS WERE TO
BE OPENED. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS,
STOBBE SAID SENAT REALIZED THAT THE ALLIES WERE WARY OF
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GETTING INVOLVED WITH THE SOVIETS ON THIS ISSUE. HE

ARGUED, HOWEVER, THAT THE TALKS WOULD BE WORTHLESS TO BERLIN IF NEW CROSSING POINTS WERE NOT OPENED (THUS REFERENCE TO "NEW HOLE" IN WALL) AND ASKED THAT US KEEP OPEN MIND ON QUESTION. IF ONLY WAY TO ACHIEVE OPENING OF NEW CROSSING POINTS WERE TO TALK TO SOVIETS, HE HOPED WE WOULD NOT REJECT POSSIBILITY OUT OF HAND.

2. DETAILED REPORT OF STOBBE VISIT HAS BEEN POUCHED TO USBERLIN AND EMBASSIES BONN AND BERLIN, GIVING FULL ACCOUNT OF STOBBE'S CONCERNS REGARDING FOUR POWER INVOLVEMENT IN INNER-GERMAN NEGOTIATIONS.

3. SINCE STOBBE ASKED THAT HIS REMARKS ON THESE ISSUES BE HELD IN CONFIDENCE, HIS COMMENTS SHOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED WITH SENAT, FRG OR ALLIED OFFICIALS. KISSINGER

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